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## **GREGG: DEMOCRAT HEALTH PLAN PUTS COUNTRY ON BACKWARD COURSE TOWARD EUROPEAN-STYLE HEALTH CARE**

WASHINGTON — U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today issued the following statement regarding the cloture vote on the motion to proceed to the Senate Democratic health care reform bill. The motion was approved tonight by a partisan vote of 60 to 39.

Senator Gregg stated, “As we near the celebration of the Pilgrims who crossed the Atlantic for a new life in the Americas, tonight, the Senate Democrats have ironically put our country on a backward course towards a European-style, government-run health care system. Regardless of opinion polls, the will of their constituents, or just plain common sense, my Democratic colleagues are fully committed to the government controlling your health care and charging your children and your grandchildren trillions for it. This is not the reform Americans want, and it puts our country’s future prosperity on a leaky ship back to Europe.

“Tonight’s vote was more than procedure. The American people will soon see that this vote has consequences; however, contrary to what my Democrat colleagues have said, these consequences will be extraordinarily tough on American families and businesses that want, and deserve, more affordable and accessible health care. This bill will fundamentally change the way health care is delivered by creating a new multi-trillion dollar entitlement program that massively grows the size and role of the federal government, significantly increases taxes, especially on small businesses, and cuts Medicare by over a trillion dollars. The legislation fails to bring health care cost growth down, expands government by \$2.5 trillion, and passes on to future generations a government they can’t afford. It is not good for the nation’s fiscal health or for people’s health care.”

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